

**FIFTH DISTRICT, MD** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) visited Emergency Command Centers in Prince George's, Charles, and Calvert Counties to monitor Hurricane Sandy. During his visit at the Calvert County Emergency Command Center, Congressman Hoyer spoke on a conference call with Governor O'Malley and local officials, offering any federal assistance needed. He also visited SMECO, which has assembled more than 533 field workers to be available to respond to outages throughout the storm.

"A State of Emergency for Maryland has been declared in advance of Hurricane Sandy, and I'm working closely with Governor O'Malley and local officials to monitor the storm," **stated**

**Congressman Hoyer**

. "We are communicating with residents regularly so they have the most up-to-date information and resources, and I encourage everyone to follow all safety precautions and evacuation orders if given. I will continue to work with federal, state, and local officials to ensure our communities are safe during and after the storm and that they have the resources they need to recover."

Clic [here](#) for more information on Hurricane Sandy from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.